



CITY OF NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT  
*A Peace Messenger City*

## NEW HAVEN PEACE COMMISSION

Honorable Members of the Committee:

The City of New Haven Peace Commission has been engaged with the issue of guns, street violence in the streets and national policies that promote almost ONE TRILLION DOLLARS to killing machines Over 23 thousand New Haveners voted for a resolution calling for transfer of those funds to human needs. We cannot divorce the culture of violence from those policies. We mourn the children of Newtown as we do the children of Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia, Mali. They are all our children.

We endorse the position of the Connecticut Coalition Against Gun Violence, however, we are opposed to any legislative license allowing the purchase of TWELVE GUNS per year. This is legislative permission to traffic. Further, we call upon the registration of all firearms no matter when purchased. We call upon all gun owners to have background checks. Any private sales or gifts can only be made to registered gun owners, reported, with severe penalties for non-compliance.

We urge a public campaign on the dangers of guns in our schools; also via motor registration and tax notices.

Yours in Peace,

Alfred L. Marder  
Chairman